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▲ Pictured above and on our cover is Miss Linda Jo Maclin, Miss Virginia —1966.

Nineteen year old Miss Maclin will end her reign this month when a new Miss Virginia is chosen at the State pageant.

The lovely, grey-eyed blond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Maclin, first won the title of Miss Roanoke Valley and a \$500 Scholarship in a local pageant sponsored by the Roanoke County Junior Women's Club. Then she went on to win a \$1,100 scholarship and the title of Miss Virginia in the State pageant. In the Miss America pageant, Miss Maclin performed a modern dance to Herb Alpert's "A Taste of Honey," and came away with what many consider the most important title of all, that of "Miss Congeniality," and another \$1,000 scholarship.

The 1965 graduate of Patrick Henry High School enjoys horseback riding and snow skiing. She spent her Freshman year at Mary Washington College and plans to use her scholarship money to further her education in the pharmacy profession at the University of Georgia this fall.

Among the highlights of her reign as Miss Virginia were a trip to Washington, D. C. where she entertained 1,000 disabled North Viet Nam veterans and met President and Mrs. Johnson and, a trip to New York promoting Virginia travel and business.

Miss Maclin has been an excellent representative of the Counties of Virginia and her State as-a-whole and we extend the wishes of all Virginians for her success in the future. ▲

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We wish to thank the Miss Virginia Pageant, Inc. in Roanoke for supplying the photos and biographical sketch of Miss Maclin.

NANSEMOND COUNTY



Eberwine Home—Nansemond County

■ ■ Nansemond is the leading peanut county in Virginia and in the nation. For years the county has worked to make its peanuts well-known and in 1914 the Tidewater Experiment Station at Holland began doing research on peanuts, cotton and hog production. Suffolk, the county seat, is the "Peanut Capital."

Other major farm products, in addition to peanuts, are hogs, livestock, cotton, corn, soybeans, sweet potatoes and vegetables. Ruritan National was

organized by farmers in this county in 1928.

Nansemond's agriculture and manufacturing complement each other. There are meat-packing houses specializing in hams and pork products. Many plants clean, shell, grade and package whole peanuts or make salted peanuts, peanut butter, peanut candy and peanut oil. A large cannery puts out home-grown turnip greens and other salad greens. Lumber and wood-working plants, fish and oyster houses, a brick factory and fertilizer plants also utilize local raw materials. Other local manufactures include vegetable baskets, peanut pickers, combines and shakers, hay balers, wood preserving, wooden boxes, awnings, concrete products, soft drinks, printing and dairy products. At Suffolk, too, is the largest tea processing plant in the United States.

The county was formed in 1637 as Upper Norfolk County but was renamed in 1642 for an Indian tribe in the area. The name means "fishing point or angle" and there still is commercial fishing here.

Located in Suffolk is the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital and School of Nursing which serves Nansemond

and neighboring counties. There is a public library in Suffolk. A new co-educational school, Frederick College, is located in the county and there are additional colleges in nearby cities.

Nansemond is rich in resources for outdoor recreation. There are numerous lakes and fishing may be enjoyed here and in Hampton Roads. The Dismal Swamp extends into the county and hunting here is outstanding. There also are places for swimming and boating. Many organizations sponsor various activities and the city of Suffolk provides a full-time recreational program under professional supervision. Nearby too are the many recreational events of Norfolk and Portsmouth and the fine beaches on the Atlantic Ocean.

Meeting the county's transportation needs are U. S. Routes 460, 58, 13 and 17 and many truck and bus lines. A network of railroads — Norfolk and Western, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line and Norfolk, Franklin and Danville — converge at Suffolk. There is a fine small municipal airport and there is a 12-foot channel in the Nansemond River giving Suffolk and much of the county access to the Nansemond and James Rivers and Hampton Roads. ■

NELSON COUNTY

■ ■ Nelson is a beautiful county bordered on the northwest by the Blue Ridge Parkway. The county was formed in 1807-08 and the courthouse at Lovingsston, built in 1810, is still used today. Of even older origin and still standing are the late 18th century homes of two famous native sons—"Edgewood," home of Joseph C. Cabell, one of the founders of the University of Virginia; and "Oak Ridge," home of William Cabell Rives, U. S. Senator and Minister to France.

The county has rich natural resources. About three-fourths of the area is forested and farmers receive considerable income from sales of forest products. From mines and quarries come soapstone which is used as dimension stone for a variety of architectural, laboratory and other purposes, and aplite, used in the glass and ceramic industries and as roofing materials and concrete aggregate.

The farms produce good crops of peaches and apples and there are large cold storage warehouses and shipping facilities. Other farm goods include livestock and tobacco. There are more residents employed in manufacturing than in farming, however, and local manufactures include lumber, millwork, hickory handles, titanium oxide

for paint pigments and children's playwear. A good number of Nelson residents who seek employment in manufacturing, however, go to Waynesboro, Charlottesville, Lynchburg or Scottsville—all nearby.

There are health centers in Lovingsston and Avon. While there are neither hospitals nor colleges in Nelson, residents have but a short drive to the extensive offerings in these fields in Staunton, Lynchburg and Charlottesville.

Many of the recreational programs in the county are school and organization sponsored and the opportunities for outdoor sports are numerous. George Washington National Forest offers places for hiking, picnicking, and excellent hunting and there are good places for fishing and boating. There are spots of great scenic beauty including Crabtree Falls, a series of five falls over a 500-foot mountainside and the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi River.

There are several major highways in the county including U. S. Routes 29, 60 and 250. There are truck and bus lines as well as lines of three railroads—Chesapeake and Ohio, Southern and Virginia Blue Ridge. There are four airports—including two with commercial schedules — located less than 40 miles from Lovingsston. ■



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